GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DIRECTIONS ON CROWD MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidence of stampede are on the rise in various places in the country including temples;

(b) if so, the total number of persons killed/injured, gender-wise during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Rajasthan Separately;

(c) whether the Government has issued any directions to the State Governments on crowd management in religious places and to ensure adequate safety to the women, children and senior citizens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) : Recently, two major incidents of stampede at temples have occurred in Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. As per available information, the details of major incidents of stampede in various temples, during 2005-2008 are as under :-

Place	Date	State/UT	No. of Persons Killed	Injured
Mandradevi Temple, Satara	25.1. 2005	Maharashtra	291	98
Jagannath Temple, Puri	4.11.2006	Orissa	4	22
Baidayanath Dham, Deoghar	13.8.2007	Jharkahand	11	
Mahakali Temple, Pavagadh	Panchamahal 14.10.2007	Gujarat	11	17
Kanakadurga Temple,Vijaywada	3.1.2008	Andhra Pradesh	6	
Mata Janaki Temple, Karila	26.3.2008	Madhya Pardesh	8	11
Jagannath Temple, Puri	4.7.2008	Orissa	6	3
Nainadevi Temple, Bilaspur	3.8.2008	Himachal Pradesh	142	85
Chamunda Devi Temple, Jodhpur	30.09.2008	Rajasthan	147	55

Gender-wise details are not available.

(c) & (d) : An advisory was issued to all States/UTs on 21.2.2005 to take effective steps to manage the crowd during religious festivals/fairs. These measures may, inter-alia, include proper and adequate civic and other logistic arrangements; maintenance of law and order and security arrangements during such festivals. On 1.10.2008, another advisory has been issued to all States/UTs suggesting measures such as allowing manageable number of persons to visit the temple/shrine at a particular time; proper access control procedure / system at every entry/exit point; establishing sound alert system; regular training of staff in evacuation procedures; etc, to avoid recurrence of incidents of stampede in future.

(e) : Does not arise.